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Senators Back Boyd, 10-1, for Mine Director

Pointed Answer Given Lewis as 471,000 Coal Diggers Quit

The Senate Interior Committee today gave a pointed answer to the mine shutdown ordered by John L. Lewis by approving President Truman's nomination of James Boyd as director of the Federal Bureau of Mines.

In ordering a two-week shutdown, which started today, Mr. Lewis said it would be in part a protest against the Boyd appointment. The holiday also was described as a memorial to miners killed and injured last year during a period that Mr. Boyd has served as director.

Chairman O'Mahoney said the committee vote was 10-to-1 in favor of Mr. Boyd. He added that Senator Millikin, Republican, of Colorado cast the only dissenting vote.

Downey Votes Present.

Senator Downey, Democrat, of California voted present. Senator Murray, Democrat, of Montana was absent.

The mine shutdown has stirred members of Congress and before the committee acted Senator Byrd, Democrat, of Virginia demanded confirmation of Mr. Boyd and said the mine work stoppage "is nothing less than an attempt to coerce and intimidate the Senate."

Mr. Boyd has been serving as chief of the bureau for more than a year, most of the time without pay as his nomination was never confirmed. A former dean of the Colorado School of Mines, Mr. Boyd was described by the mine workers' leader as "too inexperienced" to administer mine safety requirements.

A UMW official said Mr. Lewis had no comment on the committee's action.

More to Be Made Idle.

The committee action came as 471,000 soft and hard coal miners obeyed the orders issued last Friday by Mr. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, and remained away from their pits.

An additional 69,425 workers will be idled during the week as 11 railroads which handle substantial coal shipments ordered furghs for trainmen and shop forces.

The shutdown sent the Nation's number of jobs to more than 3,700,000. This was 500,000 more than last Friday.

The two weeks' total production loss is estimated at 20,000,000 tons valued at \$100,000,000. However, no immediate hardship is expected as 70,000,000 tons in storage represent a 45-day supply.

Wage loss to miners is estimated at \$60,000,000 and the loss to the miners' welfare fund (20 cents a ton) would be \$4,000,000.

The work stoppage halted production in mines east of the Mississippi River and reduced the output to a mere trickle.

Men Idle in 10 States.

The idle miners normally work in these 10 States: West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Illinois, Alabama, Ohio, Virginia, Tennessee, Indiana and Maryland.

The Lewis order for a work stoppage exempted about 32,000 UMW miners in these States: Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, Utah, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Washington, Kansas and Missouri.

The Western States produce only a trickle of the Nation's soft coal. Pennsylvania produces virtually all the anthracite mined in the United States and ranks second.

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Fear Invites Public To D. C. Rent Hearing

BULLETIN

The Supreme Court today agreed to decide whether the District rent-control law applies to residences controlled by the National Capital Housing Authority. In a case involving Navy housing here, the Municipal Court of Appeals held last fall that NCHA had the right to evict tenants for refusal to pay a rent increase. The United States Court of Appeals reversed the decision. The Supreme Court set no date for a hearing.

Senator Frear, Democrat, of Delaware, today invited the public to testify at a special Senate District subcommittee hearing on extension of District rent control at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The hearing will be conducted by Senator Frear as chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Utilities, Insurance and Banking. The session is being held despite the fact that the House has postponed consideration on the floor of a rent control extension bill for the District until after the House acts on a pending measure to extend national rent control.

Controls expire at the end of this month, both locally and nationally.

Persons desiring to appear at the hearing Wednesday should notify the committee before 5 p.m. tomorrow, Senator Frear said.

Russia Relieves Top Planner And Head of Its Supreme Court

More Major Changes Follow Announcing Of Molotov Shift

By Eddy Gilmore

Associated Press Foreign Correspondent

MOSCOW, Mar. 14.—New major shifts in the top Soviet leadership were announced today in a decree of the presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

Nikolai A. Voznesensky has been relieved as chairman of the State Planning Commission. This job placed him at the head of the U. S. S. R.'s industrial production. He also has been released from duties as a deputy prime minister.

Ivan T. Golyakov was relieved of his duties as president of the Supreme Court of the U. S. S. R. and was replaced by A. A. Volin.

The presidium also announced formation of a new ministry—the Ministry for Construction, Machinery and Industry Enterprises—to be headed by Nikolai Alexandrovich Dygaya. The ministry is made up of two former organizations—the Ministry of Construction, Military and Naval Enterprises and the Machinery Industries Construction Administration. Dygaya was head of the former ministry.

The changes were announced to



NIKOLAI A. VOZNESENSKY—A. P. Photo.

the Council of Nationalities, one of the two equal houses of the Supreme Soviet, now in session. The council approved.

The planning job went to Voznesensky's vice chairman, Maxim Z. Saburov, who was the commission's chairman once before, in 1941. Saburov became a deputy prime minister in February, 1947. He is one of a dozen vice chairmen of the Council of Ministers.

(See RUSSIA, Page A-4.)

Ex-Premier of China Indicted; Transfer of Alien Goods Attacked

Sun Fo's Name Linked Romantically With Woman Who Received Property

By the Associated Press

NANKING, Mar. 14.—Former Premier Sun Fo was indicted today on charges of approving the improper disposal of enemy alien property to Miss Lan Ni.

His name has been linked romantically with the charming woman.

The indictment was voted, 8 to 7, by a subcommittee of the Control Yuan (auditing). It now may be referred to other organs of the Control Yuan for further investigation or be sent to the Executive Yuan (cabinet) for corrective action or to the criminal court of prosecution.

Reported on Way to Canton. Sun, whose father, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, was the George Washington of modern-day China, reportedly was in Shanghai, en route to his home in Canton.

The indictment alleges that Sun approved the disposal of dyestuffs to Miss Lan Ni while he was Premier.

The Control Yuan also is investigating a charge by legislative members that Sun approved the sale of his Shanghai residence to the Central Bank of China for an excessive price.

A charge of corruption against Sun by members of the Legislative Yuan was one of the issues which forced the resignation of his cabinet last week.

The indictment today was the first returned against any high ranking member of retired President Chiang Kai-shek's government since the generalissimo stepped down late in January.

Heads Peace Committee.

Sun still is the nominal head of the 10-man presidential committee drafting peace proposals for submission to the Communists. However, Gen. Ho Ying-chin, named to succeed him as Premier, (Continued on Page A-4, Col. 2.)

Eight at Munich Get 1 to 18 Years as Spies

By the Associated Press

MUNICH, Germany, Mar. 14.—Eight Europeans were found guilty of espionage today by an American military commission which sentenced them to terms ranging from one year to 18 years.

The court, which deliberated two hours, sentenced Robert Kruse, 44-year-old German, convicted of giving information on the port of Bremen to the Czechoslovakian intelligence service, to 18 years.

A similar sentence was imposed on Adolf Frank, who crossed the Czech border with American military information.

The other defendants were sentenced as follows:

Edith Dietrich, 25-year-old Czech, nine years.

Gertie Doerre, 25-year-old Sudeten German, 12 years.

Marie Hablik, 37-year-old Sudeten German, seven years.

Franz Baier, 35-year-old German, eight years.

The court sentenced 23-year-old Egon Richter to one year.

Richter gave himself up and admitted that he worked for the Czech intelligence service.

Walter Friedrich, 32-year-old Sudeten German and one-legged spy courier, was sentenced to eight years.

Iceland to Bar Bases, Foreign Minister Says On Arrival for Talks

U. S. Is Not Expected To Use Pressure on Strategic Island

By the Associated Press

WESTERN EUROPEAN Officials Study Atlantic Pact Draft.

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Iceland's foreign minister calls at the State Department today to seek information which may determine whether his strategically located island republic will enter the North Atlantic security pact.

The foreign minister, Bjarni Benediktsson, arrived here last night. He told reporters in New York that his government had not yet decided to join the alliance and that it definitely would refuse to grant peacetime bases to any power.

"I think there can be no discussion of bases," he said.

The United States and Western European nations lining up under the treaty are highly interested in providing permanent protection for North Atlantic sea and air lines. Nevertheless, it appeared that Iceland's views on the base question would be fully respected and that no pressure would be brought by the United States on this point.

Communists Oppose Pact.

Mr. Benediktsson said Icelandic Communists—he put their strength at 20 per cent of the vote—are opposing the pact in every way they can. He told a questioner that his country had received no counter proposals from Moscow.

The pattern for handling the issue of bases apparently was laid down Saturday in a conference between State Department officials and Danish Foreign Minister Gustav Rasmussen. They discussed what Mr. Rasmussen described as the problem of Greenland.

Denmark owns Greenland and the United States has two airfields there. They were built as a result of arrangements made during the war, but not permanently for peacetime.

Importance Discussed.

State Department officials told Mr. Rasmussen, it was learned, that the North Atlantic Treaty provides the framework in which a future solution of the base problem may be worked out. The strategic importance of Greenland in the North Atlantic defense system evidently was discussed in (See ATLANTIC PACT, Pg. A-4.)

Frisco Has Second Quake

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 14 (P).—San Francisco had its second earthquake in five days last night, but it was so slight some parts of the city didn't feel it.

The shock was recorded at 10:10 p.m. (PST). It was felt from the San Francisco Bay area at Monterey, 120 miles to the south.

Red Calls Spy Case 'Comedy' And Insists He's a Diplomat

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Mar. 14.—Valentin A. Gubitchev, Russian engineer under indictment on espionage charges, today in Federal Court denounced the proceeding as "a comedy."

Gubitchev renewed his claim of diplomatic immunity and said the proceedings convinced him there was a campaign against his country as he was arraigned on the indictment.

The suspended United Nations engineer, in a statement to Federal Judge Simon H. Rifkind, made through an interpreter, said this Government had recognized his diplomatic status by issuing him a diplomatic visa. He denounced "the provocative methods" used "against me, a Soviet

diplomat, which show me this is a comedy."

The engineer asked permission to make the statement after his court-assigned counsel, Fowler Hamilton, told Judge Rifkind that Gubitchev insisted he was immune from prosecution.

Gubitchev was suspended from his United Nations assignment after his arrest. He was indicted last Thursday with Miss Judith Coplon, 27, Brooklyn-born analyst for the Justice Department.

The indictment charged them with conspiring to pass United States defense and intelligence secrets to a foreign power.

Miss Coplon pleaded not guilty and is at liberty under \$20,000 bail (See SPIES, Page A-4.)

Three-Fourths Cloture Vote Plan Rejected

Administration Bars It as a Compromise, But Talks Continue

BULLETIN

Senator Ellender, Democrat, of Louisiana started the third week of the Senate filibuster this afternoon by serving notice he is prepared to speak for 20 hours. If carried out, this would exceed the 1908 record set by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin.

By J. A. O'Leary

Administration forces today turned down any filibuster compromise that would change the yardstick for curbing Senate debate from two-thirds to three-fourths.

This was the only tangible development from separate conferences of the three factions involved, as the Senate began the third week of the battle over rules.

The next move comes at 2 p.m. when spokesmen for the Northern Democrats, the Republican and the Southern Democrats get together again in their efforts to work out a compromise.

The three separate conferences this morning broke up with these results:

Senator Russell of Georgia, speaking for the Southern Democrats, said: "We have come to some agreement among ourselves, but the situation is so delicate we have no comment on details."

Another Meeting Set.

Majority Leader Lucas of Illinois, speaking for Northern and Western Democrats: "We didn't reach any definite conclusion in here on what we will do. I can say there wasn't any one in this room for the three-fourths proposal."

Senator Taft of Ohio, after a meeting of the Republican Policy Committee: "We considered the whole cloture situation and turned all suggestions over to our negotiators (Senators Wherry of Nebraska, Knowland of California and Saltonstall of Massachusetts)."

Senator Lucas told reporters he is "not too optimistic and not too pessimistic." He said he would call all of his group together again at 5 p.m. to report results of the 2 o'clock meeting with other groups.

May Be Night Session.

Informed that the Southerners had referred to the situation as "delicate," Senator Lucas observed with a smile, "things were delicate in here too."

He said there will be a night session again today if no agreement is reached by evening, but he did not bind himself to a continuous round-the-clock session.

The Southerners are understood to have offered to let debate be cut off by three-fourths of the Senate at any time, provided the right to filibuster against any future legislation is preserved.

(See FILIBUSTER, Page A-6.)

Lamb Price Sets Record

CHICAGO, Mar. 14 (P).—Lamb again featured the trade in livestock today, setting a new all-time March price record at \$29.00.

Hogs, however, were steady to 25 cents lower and cattle steady to 50 cents less.

Late News Bulletin

Slayer's Release Sought

The Supreme Court today was asked to order the release of Dan Williams, colored attorney, who shot and killed two persons at Municipal Court in 1947. Williams, 41, is in St. Elizabeths Hospital. The petition seeks to vacate both the insanity order and murder indictment. Williams killed Ray E. Devendorf, 65, a clerk for the District Court's Committee of Admissions and Grievances, and Police Pvt. Hubert Estes, 51. The petition was filed by Williams' attorneys.

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Ryan Says He Was Offered Post As Envoy to 'Lay Off' O'Dwyer

Paris Ambassadorship Is Mentioned; Detective in Wiretapping Case Surrenders

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Mar. 14.—Clement J. Ryan, multimillionaire civic reformer, said today he had been offered the ambassadorship to France if he would "lay off" his bitter campaign against the administration of Mayor William O'Dwyer.

Mr. Ryan said the offer came from Benjamin Sonnenberg, public relations counselor who acted on behalf of an unidentified Ambassador, Mr. Ryan said. Mr. Sonnenberg promptly denied the statement. Ambassadors are appointed by the President subject to Senate confirmation.

Mr. Ryan made the assertion

as he prepared to testify before the New York County (Manhattan) Grand Jury investigating a fantastic wiretapping plot against Mayor O'Dwyer and other high city officials. He was slated to appear before the grand jury this afternoon.

Meanwhile, Kenneth Ryan, former city detective, sought as a key figure in a sensational wiretapping plot against high city officials, walked calmly into the District Attorney's office early this afternoon and gave himself up. He was accompanied by his attorney.

District Attorney Frank S. (Continued on Page A-4, Col. 1.)

Shift of 8 Functions To Labor Department Asked by Hoover Unit

Employment Security And Selective Service Included in Plan

By Francis P. Douglas

The Hoover Commission recommended to Congress today that the Labor Department be fattened by the transfer of eight agencies or functions, giving the department more essential work to do.

The commission said this is necessary if the department "is to maintain a significance comparable to the other great executive departments." The changes also would make for greater efficiency, according to the commission.

It recommended that these agencies be transferred to Labor from the Federal Security Agency:

1. The Bureau of Employment Security, which administers the United States Employment Service, unemployment compensation and the Veterans' Employment Service.

2. The Bureau of Employees' Compensation.

3. The Employees' Compensation Appeals Board.

4. Certain parts of the Division of Industrial Hygiene, now in the FSA Bureau of State Services.

Includes Selective Service.

Selective service, including the appeals board, now independent, also would come into the Labor Department, as was forecast by The Star on March 3.

The department also would take over from the Maritime Commission the determination of minimum wages for seamen.

The enforcement of labor standards in Government contracts also would be taken over by the Department from the departments and agencies which let the contracts. This shift in the enforcement of the Fair Labor Standards and the Walsh-Healey Acts likewise was forecast by The Star.

Inspection Service Ready.

The commission said the Labor Department's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Division already have a field service including a factory inspection service available to administer these acts.

Another recommendation was for centering in the Bureau of Labor Statistics the "prevailing wage" inquiries to determine wages for "blue collar" Federal workers. This is done now by several agencies.

Today's report was the 13th subcommittee report.

(See HOOVER, Page A-6.)

Model Found Unconscious.

NEW YORK, Mar. 14 (P).—Miss Doris Campbell, 24, a model, was found unconscious early today in her hotel room. Police said the young woman, a native of St. Louis, was suffering from an overdose of sleeping pills.

Berwyn Store Center Fire, Blast Hurt 10; Loss Put at \$250,000

General Alarm Sounded; Owner, Son Flee Flames; Blaze Origin Is Mystery

(Pictures on Page B-1.)

Ten persons were injured early today in a fire that swept the rambling Town Hall Shopping Center in Berwyn, Md., at a loss of at least \$250,000.

Most of the injuries were suffered in an explosion that shattered display windows in five shops, sending glass and debris flying over a wide area. Those injured, including six firemen, were treated in hospitals or on the scene, and released.

The fire was first observed about 12:40 a.m. by Sgt. Boyd A. Hamilton of the Prince Georges police, who circled the building in a routine check and noticed smoke coming from windows near a print shop in the basement.

General Alarm Sounded.

His radioed call to police headquarters brought the College Park and Branchville fire departments. Five more companies were dispatched at 1:13, shortly before the explosion. Then the fire, almost under control at that point, spread so rapidly a general alarm was sounded, bringing a score of departments from Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties, and Nos. 2 and 18 engine companies and the first battalion chief from the District.

The Town Hall center is a two-story brick and frame structure about 200 feet long and 75 feet deep. On the second floor were two apartments. The first floor was occupied by a liquor store, tavern, drug store, grocery, barber shop, florist and cleaning shop.

All the shops were badly damaged by fire, smoke and water. Most of the roof and the upper floor were destroyed, and the interior fire-swept. The blaze was not declared under control until 6 a.m.

Flames Rout Owner.

At the fire's height, flames billowed 50 feet into the air. Firemen were hampered by the many partitions in the building, and by heavy smoke.

Mrs. Fern J. Hutchison, 34, owner of the building, and her 15-year-old son, Dean, were sleeping in one of the second-floor apartments over the drugstore and barber shop.

Aroused by firemen, they fled in night clothes. The other apartment is rented by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bakersmith, who are bartender and waitress at the tavern. They were closing the tavern when the fire was discovered.

Mrs. Bakersmith, 34, injured in the explosion, told how she and her husband tried to get to their apartment, where they kept \$500 in cash and five \$25 Government bonds. The police stopped them.

"I guess we would be dead by now if we had gone up," she said. They went to the rear of the building and watched the fire.

Knocked Down By Blast.

"Then I started around front," Mrs. Bakersmith said. "As I rounded the corner I was knocked to the ground by an explosion." (Continued on Page A-6, Col. 6.)

Marshall's Will Make Short Visit in Florida

By the Associated Press

PINEHURST, N. C., Mar. 14.—Gen. and Mrs. George C. Marshall left by plane yesterday for Florida.

Attendants at the home here of the former Secretary of State said the Marshalls planned to visit Palm Beach. This source said they were accompanied only by the general's orderly. They planned to return Saturday to their home here.

Sales Tax Fight Opens in House; Vote Imminent

Smith Begins Debate; Action Also Set on Daylight Saving

By Don S. Warren

The House today took up the District's new \$16,000,000 revenue bill, calling for a 2 per cent retail sales tax, with prospects the fate of the measure would be settled by the end of the day.

A sharp conflict was expected to develop. The bill was reported favorably last week by a 16-to-7 vote by the House District Committee, but six of its members were prepared to demand the substitution of a "real" District income levy, with increased tax rates, for the sales tax.

Two hours of general debate was opened by a proponent of the tax, Representative Howard Smith, of Virginia, chairman of the Fiscal Subcommittee of the District unit.

Sees 18 Million Deficit.